

Date May 18, 1935

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

REPORT

Subject R.A. ALFONSI.

Made by S. I. Prokofiev. Forwarded by B.P. General D.

With reference to the attached memo of the D.C. (Special Branch) on May 2, 1935, on the subject of one Alfonsi, he professes to be able to furnish secret and valuable political information, inquiries show that this individual is, in all probability, identical with R.A. Alfonsi, French of Corsican origin, ex-officer of the French Police, Shanghai.

He resigned from the French Police in 1922 after about fifteen years of service and left for France. It is reported that at that time he had the reputation of being a rich person. However, after two years of residence in France he returned to Shanghai almost penniless and made an unsuccessful attempt to re-join the French Police. ^{P. After a period during which he made his living} ~~by acting as souteneur for two French prostitutes, he obtained~~ Following his return to Shanghai he is reported to have been working for the late French lawyer Du Pac de Marsoulies for some time and also to have been engaged in various enterprises of a doubtful character. In 1930 he left for Indo-China where he was subsequently arrested and sentenced to a term of imprisonment for arms smuggling. Having served his term of imprisonment he returned to Shanghai and has since been residing in this city. He is known to the Municipal Police as suspected arms and narcotics smuggler. In April 1935 he was under the surveillance of the French Police on suspicion of being engaged in gambling activities.

Alfonsi is about 60 years of age. He is reported to be a fluent speaker of Chinese and to have a large circle of acquaintances among Chinese.

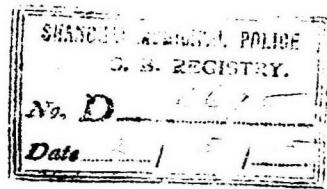
At present he resides in a room above a cheap Chinese restaurant at No. 334 Rue Bourgeat.

G. Prokofiev
D.S.I.

20 MAY 1935

D.C. (Special Branch)

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Mr A and
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sent.
J.P.



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Memorandum.

POLICE FORCE,
MUNICIPAL COUNCIL,

To S. S. Shanghai, May 2nd 1935.

Please let me
know the present address
and activities of a
man in Shanghai
named Alfonso who
professes to be able to
furnish secret and
valuable political
information. What are
his antecedents? J.P.G.

D.S.O. Profries 1025 2/5/35

Extract from File I.O.7566 - Chinese Detective
School, Chin Kee Road, Zee Ka Wei.

Det. Supt. Conduit's report of 31.12.28.

The Shanghai Woosung Constabulary Detectives School is the first of its kind in China and was founded by the ex-Defence Commissioner General Chen Ta Chien, about 6 months ago.

Ex-Chief Detective Alphonso, French Police, was one of the instructors, and taught the Finger Print System and French. English was also taught.